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1. On 17 March 1952, the Flak Kaserne on Ettersburger Strasse, Weimar (N 51/J 57), was occupied by about 900 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The following activities were seen in the barracks yard: about 60 troops drilling with small arms at squad level; 30 troops receiving instruction on radar, an airing circle and a commander's telescope; and about 25 men received instruction on 2 x 76.2-mm AT guns. Trucks   each carrying about 20 troops armed with rifles, left the installation in the direction of Ettersburg.  

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2. On 17 March, the eastern section of the Tannenberg Kaserne on Ettersburger Strasse was occupied by about 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. They had arrived in three shipments during the period from 11 to 14 March. About 150 men were seen at physical training in the barracks yard. No training with arms was noticed.   (2)

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3. The central section of the Tannenberg Kaserne on Ettersburger Strasse, on 17 March, was occupied by about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with motor transport insignia. Between 30 and 40 trucks were serviced in the barracks yard.  

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4. On 17 March, the western section of the Tannenberg Kaserne on Ettersburger Strasse was occupied by 900 to 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. All windows were lighted after dusk. About 250 men received close-order drill with rifles at squad level in the barracks yard. About 200 to 300 men received field training and training with at least 10 mortars at the training field north of the installation. No numbers could, however, be identified as a result of strict security measures. (3)

5. On 17 March, the eastern section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne on Ettersburger Strasse was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. More than 50 percent of the soldiers were very young recruits, about 18 years old. About 100 troops were seen engaged in close-order drill in the barracks yard. About 30 troops received training with six 37-mm AT guns, an antitank

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circle and a range finder. Thirty soldiers were seen servicing 2 sedans and 12 trucks.

6. On 17 March, the central section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne on Ettersburger Strasse was occupied by 500 troops, some wore black-bordered black epaulets and some blue-bordered black epaulets, almost all with signal insignia. More than 50 percent of the soldiers appeared to be very young recruits. On 11 March, about 40 men received close-order drill with rifles at squad level. Fifteen small groups of 2 to 3 men each received signal training with field telephones in the training area in the direction of Gaberndorf. In the middle of the area was a large tent from which light field wires were strung on poles in various directions. Trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] loaded with signal equipment of various sorts including reels, arrived at the installation from the direction of Ettersburg. About 60 men serviced signal equipment on 17 March. The same type training as observed on 11 March was seen several days later at the training area in the direction of Gaberndorf.

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7. On 17 March, the western section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne on Ettersburger Strasse was occupied about 50 percent by a hospital. About 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen at medical service. Ambulance [redacted] arrived at the hospital.

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8. On 19 March, the Nachrichten Kaserne on Leibniz Allee was occupied by a unit of 900 to 1,000 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, mostly with signal insignia. The buildings on Duerer Strasse near the gate of the installation were occupied by a motor transport unit of about 30 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets. All buildings of the installation were fully lighted in the evening. About 30 men received physical training in the barracks yard. About 20 soldiers laid light field wire and about 10 soldiers operated telephones in the training area at Webichter Forst. About 60 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were engaged in other training activities in that area. About 20 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets strung a telephone line on poles across the area between the Belvedere transformer station through Neimer-east in the direction of the filling station in Umperstedt.

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9. On 20 March 1952, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne at the Nohra airfield was occupied by about 1,400 troops. There was only a little training activity. About 60 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets received field training with rifles at the training area between the Nohra railroad station and the airfield. Seventeen soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, who had arrived [redacted] entered the installation on 18 March. About 60 men armed with rifles and two machine guns practiced in the area south of the installation on 20 March.

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10. On 7 March, source determined that the western section of the Polizei Kaserne on Eduard Rosenthal Strasse was occupied by Volkspolizei in October 1950, and that the installation was no longer used for military purposes.

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Comments.

The information indicates that the Flak Kaserne is still occupied by the headquarters and at least one regiment of the 13th AAA Div. [redacted] Reports 25X1 by other sources indicate that AT units of this division from Neimer were at the Alten-grabow troop training grounds for firing practices in March 1952 and probably returned to their posts.

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(2) Compare with another report by the same source. [redacted] 25X1  
(3) There seems to have been no change in the occupation of these installations since the last report. [redacted] 25X1  
(4) [redacted] 25X1

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